



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

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TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS 01876

Board of Library Trustees

Joseph Frank, Chairman

Meeting: 12/8/15

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Place Tewksbury Public Library

Members present: Joseph Frank, Lori Carriere, Patrick Joyce, Paige Impink, and Patricia Pino

Also Present: Diane Giarrusso, Jeannine Briley, Julie Kelly, Mike Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Frank.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Lori Carriere, seconded by Patrick Joyce to accept the minutes of 11/10/15. The Motion was passed. Minutes were signed by Paige Impink in the absence of Gene Walsh, Board Secretary.

Bee Keeper Proposal to place two hives on Library property in 2016:

Julie and Mike Kelly presented facts concerning beekeeping in Tewksbury and nationally, specifically:

- There are no bylaws restricting, or permits or licenses need to keep bees in Tewksbury;
- Community Development and the Board of Health Directors have indicated no reason not to house bees on the Library property;
- The Kelly's hold liability insurance for their beekeeping business, indicating that honey bees are generally docile, but will sting if provoked; signage will be provided to warn residents;
- The Kelly's propose housing two beehives behind the library in the spring of 2016, near the wildflower garden, and have dedicated all the honey from these hives to the Tewksbury Food Pantry;
- The Kelly's would also like to work with the Library staff to present educational events around the beekeeping throughout the year.

After discussion and hearing no objections to the proposal, Patricia Pino moved to approve the Kelly's proposal to locate two beehives on Library grounds; Paige Impink seconded. The motion was approved and the Kelly's were instructed to work with the Library Director to move this forward.

Director's Comments:

Director's Report attached.

The Director shared a basic draft budget with the Board, noting that replacement technology would be a priority as well as part time staffing. She noted that the Town Manager asked her to plan out what would be needed to open on Sunday afternoons. She has done so and will present that as an addendum requested by him.

The Director shared more information about moving Teen collections and services to the first floor. In general, the move will allow the Library to better serve teens, as well as move quieter activities like newspaper and magazine reading, and locating items on the shelves to the second floor. These changes will also allow us to create a real new materials browsing area in the Fairgrieve wing, as well as expand our shelving areas for DVDs, Large Print and Audio books. Diane Giarrusso will prepare a cost estimate for a future meeting.

The 2016 reading challenge is called "16 in 2016" for which readers will be given 16 challenges to complete.

Members Comments:

Lori Carriere attended the meeting of the Friends and they talked about:

- New Wii for teen programming usage;
- Bookstore going well; moving more books out of the back and to the front bookstore and honor carts;
- Friends' Annual Meeting on April 17, 2016 with special guest speaker, Ted Reinstein. The Friends' Board requests permission to use the library after hours for this event, as it will run past the time the Library closes.
- Don't forget when you're ordering from Amazon.com to go to Amazon Smile and choose the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library. They will earn some money from your purchase.

Joseph Frank mentioned a conversation he had with Jackie Stone who reported that the Friends of the Library will have earned about \$30,000 by the end of their fiscal year to spend on the Library. Ms. Stone suggested that walls be painted. Mr. Frank thinks that the money should be spent on things other than the facility. Diane Giarrusso stated that the Friends already spend about \$20,000 annually on programming/events, museum passes, and augmenting the materials line. She suggested some updated furnishings for the Library or upgraded audio equipment for the meeting room might be a good use of the extra funding.

Patrick Joyce stated that the Festival of Trees was great and the hand bell choir was very good.

Future Meetings:

1/12/16	-	6:45 p.m.
2/9/16	-	6:45 p.m.
3/8/16	-	6:45 p.m.

4/12/16 - 6:45 p.m.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Lori Carriere, seconded by Patricia Pino to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by BLT 12/8/15

Reports Attached: Director's Report 12/8/15

Handouts: Library Statistics